

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION CURRENTLY BEING COORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, the Department of Environmental Quality is currently reviewing the following proposal for consistency with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program:

Project Title: 2004 Pipeline Integrity Activities in Virginia

Project Description: Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) plans to complete integrity assessments along four distinct gas pipelines (VB, VB-Loop, VA, and VM-107) and replace or repair pipeline segments as necessary in the counties of Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, Prince George, and Prince William. The specific location of pipeline segments requiring maintenance will not be known until after the integrity assessment is complete. For those segments requiring repair, Columbia would survey the area to determine the presence or absence of wetlands, delineate jurisdictional wetlands, characterize the habitat for threatened and endangered species, and assess other environmental conditions at the sites. Columbia intends to obtain all applicable permits and permissions for each segment requiring repair.

Section 306(d)(14) of the CZMA requires public participation in the federal consistency review process. The consistency certification for this project may be viewed at the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review, 629 East Main Street, Room 633, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Also, citizens may send written comments to the attention of John Fisher at this address, or submit comments electronically to jefisher@deq.state.va.us. All comments must include name, address and telephone number of the person commenting.

Comments must be submitted by: July 1, 2004